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News Letter

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Beginning with the new year, the Department has begun issuing a new publication, The Official Record, to be printed each Wednesday. This is the house organ of the Department and so compiled with a different view point from that of the Weekly News Letter, which was intended primarily for crop correspondents. Each issue will contain a selected list of accessions to the Department Library, as well as library announcements or news items.

Because of the close relation between the work of the Press Service, the Official Record, the Daily Digest, and the clipping service, it seemed desirable to the Secretary's Office that those who are engaged in these various activities should have the advantage of closer contact. Arrangements have therefore been made in accordance with the directions of the Assistant Secretary for Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Arnold to work in the Press Service and their activities hereafter are attached to that office and will be under the direction of the Assistant in charge of the Press Service. The arrangement went into effect on Monday, January 23d, although the heading for the Daily Digest has not been changed. The Main Library regrets the departure of Mrs. Walker who has heretofore had her desk in the Periodical room.

Science for January 22, 1922, states that the Conjoint board of scientific societies, London, proposes to arrange for the issue of a world list of periodical publications which contain the results of original scientific research.

The District of Columbia library association met Friday evening, December 20, at the Grace Douge hotel, the meeting being largely social. The annual election of officers was held resulting in the election of Mr. Dorsey Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. as president. Miss Carpenter of our Library was chosen secretary.

The Agricultural conference has been the cause of several visitors to the Library. Markets Library is being kept open evenings until ten o'clock on this account, a member of the staff being on duty each evening, but ten does not seem to be quite late enough as the Librarian of the Bureau of Markets was called over the 'phone at 11-30 P.M. to furnish information wanted by the Conference.

The work of the Bindery Division has been delayed the past ten days owing to the absence of Mr. Cowles who has been ill with the chicken pox.

Dr. Albert Hassall of the Zool. div. of B. A. I. has recently been notified that the Steel memorial medal for 1921 has been awarded to him by the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. This medal is awarded at intervals of three years on the recommendation of the Honors and prizes committee as an award for scientific or literary work of merit in connection with the veterinary profession.

Dr. Hassall has been in the B.A.I. for the last 35 years and in the course of that time, in addition to publishing numerous papers on parasitology, has built up an Index cat. of medical and veterinary zoology which is the most complete work of the sort in existence. The author cat. was published as a joint work of Dr. Stiles and Dr. Hassall as B.A.I. Bulletin 39, and the subject catalogues covering the cestodes, trematodes and nematodes have been published by these authors as bulletins of the Hygienic laboratory. These publications constitute very valuable reference works which are in great demand both in this country and abroad by zoologists, veterinarians and physicians

Miss Dewees, of Farm Management will be away for the remainder of this week, as she has gone home to Iowa to attend her sister's wedding.

Miss Frances E. Sutton of Washington has been appointed temporary assistant in the Library of Farm Management.

Considerable reorganization has been going on in States Relations Service. The Office of "Extension Work in the South" and "Office of Extension Work in the North and West" were theoretically consolidated October 1, 1921 and the combined office given the name "Office of Extension Work." However, the practical working out of the reorganization has been effected very recently, and as a result of it, Miss Claudia B. Stribling, formerly of the Office of Extension Work in the South, has been assigned to S. R. S. Library.

States Relations Service is furnishing rooms for two committees of the National Agricultural Conference, or rather to one committee which is divided into two sections, namely, Committee on Agricultural Research and Education, Mr. K. F. Kellerman being Secretary of the Section on Research and Mr. Crosby of the Section on Education.

The Library Room of the Bureau of Public Roads has been turned into a committee room for the Agricultural Conference and the regular work of the Library is practically suspended for the week.

Miss Evans of the Bureau of Public Roads Library took her vacation during the latter part of December, going to her home in Wisconsin for Christmas. On the way through Chicago she visited the Public Library and A.L.A. headquarters, the libraries of the National Safety Council and of the Byllesby Company, also, the filing school of the Globe-Wernicke Company.

Miss Evans was detailed by the Bureau to visit the Davis Library of Highway Engineering and Highway Research under Professor Blanchard at the University of Michigan, and the Research Department of the Packard Company in Detroit, on her way back to Washington. While in Detroit she called on Miss Carabin, librarian of the Detroit Edison Company and formerly president of Special Libraries Association, and went through the new Detroit Public Library.

Miss H.B. McDonald of Pittsburgh has been appointed assistant in the Library of the Office of Public Roads.

New shelving for the small room adjoining the main library room of Public Roads came while Miss Evans was away and Miss MacDonald shifted the whole library.

Miss Lindberg has resigned from the Weather Bureau Library and her place is taken by Miss A.D. Putnam.

Prepared by

H. M. Thompson.

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The collateral reading for the post graduate courses being given in the Department on economic subjects is filed on a shelf near Miss Hawks' desk in the Reference Room. These books are taken out by the members of the classes overnight only and Miss Hawks takes care of the charges.

The Index to Department publications compiled by Mr. Greathouse which has been standing in the corridor near the door of the catalogue room has been moved into the reference room where it is much more convenient to use.

One member of the staff could supply ammunition if it were needed, to the preponents of the old fashioned method of teaching spelling. An inquirer complained that the Library had nothing in its catalogue on cauliflower. An investigation showed that such was not the case, but that the inquirer spelled cauliflower c-o-u and the catalogue division spelled it c-a-u. Hence the difficulty.

Miss Corabel Bien of this city has been appointed temporarily as assistant in the Catalogue Division. She is a graduate of the New York Public Library School and has been for three years reference and periodical librarian in the University of Oregon library.

Miss Snodgrass has been detailed to Press Service to assist Mrs. Walker in the Daily Digest.

Miss June Donnelly, Director of the Simmons Library School, was a recent visitor to the Library.

Miss Marjorie F. Warner has returned from a restful and delightful vacation of two months at Melrose, Florida.

The members of the Bureau of Plant Industry library staff were entertained at the home of Miss Atwood, Tuesday evening, February 21st. The particular interest of the occasion centered around a kitchen shower given for Miss Parsons, who contemplates in the near future giving the lie to the second part of that old adage that librarians seldom die and never marry.

An example of the manifold possibilities of libraries and librarianship was found in the manual of instructions accompanying Miss Allen's gift on this occasion. While the inspiration was solely due to Miss Allen herself, she modestly insisted that the information needed to make the directions authoritative was furnished ready to her hand by a book she found on the main Library shelves.

Miss Atwood is assisting Mr. Swingle in the compilation of a chronological list of the original Linnean dissertations with indication of their location in various libraries of the country. The list is to be photostated and copies furnished to any libraries desiring it.

A letter has just been received by Mr. W. T. Swingle from Miss Wead at the University of Nanking, China. Under date of January 25th she reports on various matters of interest to the office, which although the details themselves are too technical to be of general interest, show that she is making good progress toward a knowledge of Chinese agricultural literature, and in the language.

She was expecting soon to go to housekeeping with two of the University secretaries in the home of people who were going to leave. It is said to be a very nice house, which is left with nearly all the necessities of life, and Miss Wead writes: "We think we shall have great fun, incidentally trying to run four servants with our limited vocabulary."

The subscriptions for the Memorial to Miss Oberly have passed the $500 mark. A committee is at work drawing up plans for putting this fund into the hands of a permanent and representative committee for administration. As is probably known to all of this group, it has been decided to use the interest on this fund as a cash prize to be given annually or bi-ennially to the compiler of the best bibliography in the field of the natural sciences.

Miss Allen is at work completing the check list of publications of the state agricultural experiment stations on the subject of plant pathology which she and Miss Oberly had undertaken. The publications of the states have been taken up in alphabetical order and have been finished through Virginia. Only the few W states - Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming remain to be done. This list includes all material on the subject of plant pathology issued by the stations. No extension material has been included. The list when completed, in addition to its use as a check list, will be of much historic interest, since it will give a general survey of the development of the work on plant pathology in the experiment stations. It will later be used as the basis of a subject index for plant pathology.

The States Relations Service library has acquired an additional room. It has been freshly painted and they feel much dressed up in it. At present the book cases in the new room are Globe Wernicke make-shifts, but it is hoped eventually to get steel stacks.

At the request of the Office of Extension Work, the States Relations Service Library has undertaken to keep temporarily a file of publications of the county farm bureaus. This is to be a current reference collection, to be retired or discarded after publications reach a certain specified age.

The Public Roads Library is tabulating information about the State Highway commissions. The organization of many of these has been much changed since the enactment of Federal Highway legislation and this tabulation which Miss Evans and her assistants are working on will include the law of the various states, the title and organization of the body administering it, the year of its enactment, the title, salary, etc., of its chief officer, the number of highway divisions in the state and other information of interest.

Besides her regular work Miss Evans is the Secretary of Special Libraries Association. Sunday she and Mr. Hyde worked from 11 to 7 sending out circulars to every one of the 1400 names in the Directory of Libraries in the District of Columbia which was published by the Association last spring. It is hoped that as a result of this work there may be a large increase of membership in the Special Libraries Association. It may be of interest to note that between five and six hundred copies of the Directory of Libraries in the District have been sold - enough to defray all costs of publication. Mr. Hyde, Miss Evans, Mr. Lindsay and the others who helped with this valuable piece of work certainly deserve the thanks of all of us.

The Bureau of Markets Library has almost completed a file of the items from the Daily Digest, arranged under subject, and beginning with July, 1921. The items in daily issues of the Digest have been dated, cut apart and pasted on 5 x 8 cards. These have been classified broadly and arranged in drawers. The large classes will be subdivided as need arises and it is hoped to keep the work up day by day so that the file may serve as a current events index from an economic viewpoint.

The Bureau of Markets has at last started work on an index of sources of current prices. The need for a large extension of the little list already on file has become so urgent that a beginning could not longer be delayed. It is hoped that this may grow into a valuable tool of use to many of the libraries in the Department.

One of the readers in the Bureau of Markets Library this past week was a student from Gallaudet who was seeking source material on the food supply of certain cities for her thesis. She was totally deaf but read the lips perfectly and seemed to have no difficulty provided there was a reasonably good light on the face of the speaker. In the face of such pluck one feels like saluting to a superior.

The Dairy Division Library is ehcceking up for the first time the books bought by the Bureau for the field laboratories. Lists of the books bought for the use of these laboratories were sent out and those in charge were asked to make any additions necessary for books acquired in other ways and to send in any that were obsolete or no longer needed. An excellent response is being made and Miss Sherfy hopes to have the work finished before very long.

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News Letter

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The Department Library, as you know, has been trying the experiment this month of keeping its Reading Room open until six o'clock. At various times there have been regrets expressed that the Library was not open for use after hours, and recently members of the post-graduate classes have seemed to need some service of this kind. So far as anything has been proved by so short a trial as this, it has been there is no demand for lengthened hours. The patrons have never numbered more than three and these could probably have been as well accommodated in some other way. It is not at all probable, therefore that the experiment will be continued after April 1st. Some sacrifice of the regular work of the library is, of course, involved in it, as hours and work have to be rearranged for assistants who are in charge from 4.30 to 6. One man whose opinion was asked thought that during the winter months people might be glad to make use of the library after working hours, but now that the afternoons are light they want to be out of doors.

Usually about this time of year the Library receives notice that no more binding can be done until after July 1st. This year, however, we are told that the Government Printing Office can do all we can send them. As there are great arrears in binding this is too good an opportunity to neglect. Unfortunately in order to pay Paul we have to rob some Peter and Peter's other name, as usual, is Cataloguing. Most of the cataloguing force, as well as all available hands in the Periodical Division, has been turned loose on the preparation of books for the bindery, some for all day and some for half a day. We hope that the result in neat bound volumes will compensate for delay in cataloguing our new accessions.

The card index to Department publications, made by the Division of publications, has been moved from the hall, where it has been for some time, into the Reading Room. This index had been kept up in duplicate in the Division of Publications, and when they decided to do away with one set, it was taken by the Library. It is an <u>index</u> and not a catalogue like our own, and, although it has not been kept up to date, it is often found very useful. It is kept up to date in the Division of Publications.

Notice the long legged table in the Reference Room near the catalogue. It is useful to rest large books and catalogue drawers on, also upper portions of readers. Miss Bishop's new fan shaped letter file is also interesting.

Miss Barnett has an interesting letter from Miss Wead in China, but we will not take the time at this meeting to read it.

Miss Evans announces that she has just started working on the index to Public Roads.

Dr. Langworthy of the Office of Home Economics is collecting all possible

information relating to the development of home economics in America. He has found much interesting information in books by Martha Russell, Jane de Forest Shelton, and various other writers in whose books one would not expect to find such data. He would greatly appreciate any references along this line that you might chance to see.

The index to current prices being compiled in the Library of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates has made considerable progress. Prices have been indexed on 1058 commodities in the U. S. and on 174 in foreign countries. Fifty-seven periodicals, newspapers and price quotation sheets have been covered to date. The index is arranged alphabetically by commodities, and the cards show the names of the markets from which the prices are reported.

Of the 57 papers already examined, 31 have carried quotations on live stock from 29 markets in the United States and 10 in foreign countries, while wheat prices are quoted in 29 papers, from 19 cities in the United States and 6 foreign markets in South America, Canada and England.

When the price index is completed it is hoped that it will be of great value.

The Report of the National agricultural conference has been printed in a limited edition as Document 195 of the 67th Congress. It may be obtained from Mr. Cleary of the Division of Publications while the supply lasts.

In the last News Letter mention was made of the Index to the Daily Digest being made in the Library of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. This is in order now and is being kept up day by day. The Library will be glad to have any one use it who cares to. The digests themselves are pasted on large cards which are classified and filed in drawers.

Prepared by Miss Nye.

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News Letter

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Both the Bureau of Animal Industry and Public Roads have nothing to report at present but promise items of interest for the next news letter.

Entomology reports nothing but binding and Markets nothing but moving. The details of the moving will be given in the next news letter.

The Bureau of Plant Industry gives the news of Miss Berith Parson's marriage to Mr. William McAllister Greene on April 12th at her home in Takoma Park. The wedding which was scheduled for 4 p.m. was delayed about fifteen minutes on account of an accident to the automobile which conveyed six members of the library staff to Takoma Park. As this same conveyance was engaged by the grroom to take the bridal party to the station, the delay caused some feverish excitement for all concerned. Mrs. Greene will probably be back at her desk early next week. The wedding announcements state that she and her husband will be at home to their friends after May 1st, but so far as is known the desired home, a small apartment, has not yet materialized.

The mimeographed Checklist of publications of the state agricultural experiment stations on the subject of plant pathology, 1876-1920, compiled in the Bureau of Plant Industry library and issued as Bibliographical Contributions no. 2 of the Department Library is now completed and ready for distribution. The requests already received for this list exceed the total edition of 1000 copies and probably a new edition must be issued soon. As announced before at one of the staff meetings, Miss Oberly planned this list and prepared much of the copy for it.

Miss Stockbridge announces that the Forest Service current literature list formerly printed in American Forestry, but not published since 1919, will appear in the Journal of Forestry beginning with the March issue.

The Continuation Desk of the Department Library will hereafter enter serials on cards similar to those used at the Current Entry Desk, thus having a permanent record of all numbers received, instead of just the last number received. It has been decided that the use of these new slips will do away with the necessity of changing the slips from the catalogue cards after the serials are catalogued, so it is hoped that there will be no more complaints about so many cards being out of the catalogue. The new method of entering so appealed to the assistant who is doing the work that one morning before breakfast she wrote the following parody:

Listen, Miss Thompson, oh! lend an ear;
There's a special message you must hear.
On the 18th of April, '22,
Please mark that date in scarlet hue,
For that is the day the scheme was started
Which Miss Barnett, Miss Wilkins, Miss Olcott had plotted;
In typewritten figures that can not lie,
We note when each serial passes by;

The year, and the number, bound or not,
And the date it is put in your serial box.
Not to be erased when the next ones come
But kept to show just what we've done.
Oh! we have a record now, all our own;
So your catalogue cards may stay at home,
And go to be filed immediately.
Oh! a permanent record now have we,
That will last, we hope, through eternity.

(Apologies to Paul Revere and Longfellow)

Probably the approach of spring may have had something to do with this outburst, for Miss Newman says even a seed catalogue inspires poetry at this time of year. She sends the first verse "On reading a seed catalogue":

While yet I sit before my fire
Your pages lead through garden rows,
Into a land of bright desire
Where ecstasy with dreaming grow.

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No garden wrought of poesy
And flowery words that waft perfume
Can make a vision real to me
As do your promises of bloom.

Miss Newman further says the influence of local flower shows is evidenced by the calls for floral catalogues from our collection and the importance of these catalogues is recognized in various articles in recent books and magazines, e. g., a chapter entitled "A review of the American seed catalog" in Mrs. Francis King's "Pages from a garden notebook" and an article in the Florists' Exchange on "New ideas in catalogs".

Among the distinguished visitors to the Department may be mentioned Prof. Wm. Chamber Coker, Professor of Botany, University of North Carolina, who is now working in the Library. Mr. Clemons, Librarian of Nanking University, and two Japanese, one sent by Miss Josephine Clark. The other, one, whom Dr. Tanaka brought over, is Librarian of the University of Tokyo, which has the largest library in Japan, about seven hundred thousand books.

Prepared by Miss L. K. Wilkins.

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News Letter

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Word has been received of the death on March 28th of Miss Margaret L. Sewall, who was connected with the Department Library for a number of years.

The Department Library much regrets the loss of Miss Mary F. Carpenter, its loss, however, being the gain of the B ureau of Markets Library to which she has gone.

The Department Library gains in having at present a detail from the Bureau of Plant Industry, Mrs. Green, who has come from the Bureau Library in connection with the work of the Bureau of Plant Industry Loan Desk, which work has been transferred to the main Library. Mrs. Green is at present combining the loan records of the Bureau with those of the main Library and is also assisting with the work of the Loan Desk.

Miss Marie Pulling, who has been a cataloguer in the Department Library since last July, has been obliged to give up work on account of her health. This is also the case with Alice Gray, who has served the Library for some years, first as charwoman and later in charge of the care of the shelves. It is hoped she will return later.

Miss Olcott, who has been Assistant Chief of the Periodical Division for several years is now working in the Catalogue Division, as she was anxious to have experience in cataloguing. Her change of work has necessitated other shifts. Miss Walton is temporarily taking Miss Olcott's former work. Mr. Cowles is in charge of the current periodical work and Miss Tunison now has charge of the binding.

Miss Elizabeth G. Hopper has recently been appointed to a position in the Library and is helping with the cataloguing. Miss Hopper is a graduate of Cornell and has had several years' experience in the Library of Congress and in the Department of Labor Library.

Mr. John J. Sheehan, who has been assisting at the Current Periodical Desk has resigned and Mr. John T. Patterson who has been working in the Library of Congress has been appointed as Library Aid in the Main Library and is at present assisting with the binding.

Miss Margaret L. Callahan, from the Yale University Library, is a temporary appointee in the Department L ibrary. She wished to come for a short time for the experience. At present she is helping with the binding.

On the 1st of May the Index of Veterinary Literature which has been in progress for a number of years in the Bureau of Animal Industry was placed under the jurisdiction of the main Library in conformity with the policy of centralizing in so far as feasible the bibliographical work of the Department. In accordance with the change of supervision, Miss Thompson has been transferred

to the rolls of the main Library and her title changed to that of Assistant Reference Librarian, in charge particularly of the reference work in veterinary medicine. Under present conditions it did not seem feasible or desirable to change the location of the Index. Therefore, Miss Thompson will continue to carry on her work as heretofore in the Library of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

The Bureau of Plant Industry Library for the past two weeks has resembled a game of "Going to Jerusalem" on a large scale. With the removal of books, furniture, circulation records and other library paraphernalia from one room or building to another, they have joined the long procession of those who are seeking the place which is not. For a number of years they have practically escaped the chronic moving fever which afflicts the Department, but a minor change last fall has now been followed by a drastic reduction of space, taking away one of the Bureau Library's three large rooms for the use of the Seed Laboratory. The restricted space makes it impossible for the Bureau Library to carry on all of its former functions, and in spite of almost equally crowded conditions over in the main Library, the time seemed favorable for transferring some of the routine work there, as a trial move toward further consolidation and coordination of such work in the interests of economy and efficiency of the whole Departmental Library service.

For the present the Bureau Library retains the charging and distribution of periodicals, but has transferred the book charges to the main Library, where they are gradually being incorporated with the regular Loan Desk records. As before mentioned, Mrs. Green is detailed to the main Library to help take care of the increased circulation work at the Loan Desk. All requests from the Bureau of Plant Industry are sent by its workers direct to the main Library, and if a volume is wanted from one of the sets of periodicals which are still shelved in the Bureau of Plant Industry, the request is given to the Bureau messenger who gets the book from the shelf, delivers it to the individual, and returns the charge card to the Loan Desk. All books are, of course, returned direct to the main Library to be discharged.

This method of handling book circulation, which entails considerable delay and inconvenience at present, ought to work out satisfactorily later on, when the main Library, it is hoped, will have room for more of the periodicals still kept in the Bureau of Plant Industry. This will also relieve the congestion of the Bureau's present quarters and enable the staff to carry on its other work to better advantage. It is hoped that as the routine work is decreased and more fully coordinated with that of the main Library, more bibliographical work than formerly may be done in the Bureau of Plant Industry Library.

The Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates Library continues to struggle with the problem of serving a public some part of which moves every day, while preparing to move itself in the near future. Space has been assigned to this library on the third floor of the north and west sides of the Bieber Building and on two sides of the light well. The shelving ordered from Snead & Company has arrived and has been temporarily stored. It is hoped that it can be put into place within the next few weeks.

In addition to the books now contains in the libraries of the former Bureau of Crop Estimates, the Office of Farm Management and the former Bureau of Markets, the consolidated library will have charge of the foreign

agricultural material now in the Foreign Information Section and also the graphs and charts of the consolidated Bureau.

The Farm Management Library is vacating the room it has been occupying as the passage to the bridge to be built connecting the Bieber Building and the Farm Management Building will pass through part of the room. Some of the books will be amalgamated with the Markets Library and the remainder put into other space in the Farm Management Building.

Miss Dewees and Miss Sutton of the Farm Management Library have moved their headquarters from the Farm Management Building to the Markets Library. Miss Dewees will, however, occupy a table or desk in the main Library Reference Room, while Miss Sutton will come up to the Markets Library where it is hoped she won't come to taking turns with some one else in standing up. Miss Lacy says it looks as if it might come to that soon! Miss Dewees and Miss Sutton are working on the periodical records of the Markets Library preparatory to taking over those of the Crop Estimates Library which are still being kept by Miss Sheffield.

Miss Marie E. Fisher resigned from the Library of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates on April 1st to accept a position in the Library of the Patent Office.

Miss Mary F. Carpemter, who has been transferred from the Department Library to the Markets Library is at present helping to bring up the arrears in cataloguing which have accumulated becase Mrs. Shively has been helping out with various other parts of the work for some months past. Miss Carpenter will later be assigned to some special indexing necessitated by the growth of the work in the Bureau on economic and financial subjects.

The second supplement to the Bibliography on the Marketing of Farm Products is now being mimeographed. This bibliography is in nine parts covering the following subjects:

Part 1. General publications.
Part 2. Cotton and cotton seed.
Parts 3-4. Fruits and vegetables and miscellaneous crops.
Part 5. Grain and hay.
Part 6. Live stock and its products.
Part 7. Dairy and poultry products.
Part 8. Markets.
Part 9. Transportation and storage.

This will bring the material in Miss Griffith's bibliography up to the close of 1921.

Miss Hazel MacDonald of the Bureau of Public Roads Library spent the week-end at Atlantice City. She made the trip by motor.

Miss Lela Reynolds has been added to the staff of the Bureau of Public Roads Library. Miss Reynolds will have charge of the current periodicals.

The Bureau of Public Roads Library has purchased a small collection of books and subscribed to a few of the most necessary magazines for each of its district offices. This is but a small beginning, but the first time the Bureau has attempted to provide library facilities for the staff in the field.

The States Relations Service reports that Miss Ogden is coming back to its library early in June for a few months to do some special work.

The Bureau of Entomology reports the end in view of a "perfect binding orgy". They have prepared about 400 volumes for binding in the last two months in addition to their regular work.

Recently there has been in the Bureau of Entomology Library a very interesting case of "applied entomology". One of Dr. Howard's daughters who is putting on a pageant at Princeton this summer came to the Bureau of suggestions as to costumes for her princes, fairies, etc. As a result a color exhibit was held one noon of some 20 designs taken from colored plates in some of the richest works of the Bureau, e.g., the wonderful Biologia Centrali Americana, and Edward's Butterflies of North America, the three volumes of which latter work sell for $375.00. The designs show the body of the gown following the body coloring and pattern of the insect in exact detail, while the wings form the sleeves. You can imagine how lovely they will be. One particularly attractive design was from the beautiful luna moth, a pale mauve gown with pale green sleeves bordered in delicate lavender, with a big splotch of mauve, black and white for the dot the luna bears on her wing. And the joy of it all for the entomologist is that the designs are true to nature!

Lastly, may attention be called to the next meeting of the District of Columbia Library Association which will be held on Friday evening, May 26th, at 8:30 at the Grace Dodge Hotel. Dr. Edward E. Slosson, Editor of Science Service, will talk on "Putting your message across" and Mr. Herbert D. Brown will explain the new Reclassification schedule of the Bureau of Efficiency of which Bureau he is chief. Mr. Hyde is calling this a "Know-your-library" meeting and is sending out a questionnaire to be filled out on the different libraries and their work, to supply facts for his Committee on Informational Resources. Miss Barnett, Miss Lacy, Miss Carpenter and Miss Colcord are members of the Acquaintance Committee for this meeting and you are all urged to come out and see how you like it. Please notify Miss Carpemter if you are coming in order that plenty of ice cream may be provided.

Mabel Colcord.

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News Letter

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Miss Corabel Bien, who has been on the staff of the Department Library since February, is now on the Atlantic en route to Europe for the summer. Miss Bien's appointment was temporary as she had made plans for this trip, but it is hoped that she may return to the Library.

Raymond Torreyson, a messenger in the Library for nearly two years, was killed on May 29, while climbing on a motor truck in motion.

George C. O'Connor, who has been a messenger at the Loan Desk since 1919, has resigned to learn the plumbing trade. If one can believe the joke papers, he will probably make more money at this than at library work.

Roland O. Groomes has been appointed to take charge of the shelves in the Department Library, the work formerly done by Alice Gray.

Mr. Eugene H. Upton, who has helped us temporarily during previous summer vacations, will be here again during the last half of June.

Raymond Blakeslee has been appointed as a messenger in the Library.

From the Department Library, Miss Barnett, Miss Wilkins, Miss Davis, Miss Olcott and Miss Needham expect to go to the A. L. A., which meets at Detroit the last week in June.

The Division of Publications has made arrangements to bring up to date the copy of the card index to Department publications which was given to the Library a year or two ago. No additions had been made to it until now. The index was prepared in Mr. Greathouse's office.

The changes in the Bureau of Plant Industry library reported last month - transferring the loan desk work to the main Library loan desk, together with the return of many of the books formerly kept in the Bureau library - although the move was immediately due to the loss of one of the Bureau library rooms, were, however, in accord with a modification of the policy of the Bureau library which has been under consideration for some months, although the plans have not been worked out very clearly as yet. It is the opinion of some of those most interested in a consistent library policy for the Department, and particularly of Dr. Kellerman, Associate Chief of the Bureau, that details of library administration in general can be more satisfactorily and economically performed by the main Library, and that the work of the branch libraries, which are more closely in touch with the

scientific investigations of the Department, ought to be more and more specialized and to take on more of a bibliohraphical charcter. In accordance with this plan, Miss M. F. Warner, who has been for more than 18 years at the head of the Bibliographical Investigations project under the office of the Botanist, Mr. F. V. Coville, has been appointed Librarian of the Bureau, and it is expected that the former project will soon be officially merged with the Bureau library, of which it has long been a part for all practical purposes.

Miss M. K. Pidgeon, who has been with the Bureau of Plant Industry Library four or five years, and has been particularly valuable in the work of translation and of editing bibliographies for bureau publications, has been detailed to the Office of Exhibits, and will later accompany the Brazilian Centennial Exposition Commission to Rio to assist in installing and demonstrating the Department's exhibit there. She has been making a special study of Portuguese for some time, which makes possible efficient service in this capacity and which may enable her to collect data in regard to Brazilian institutions and agriculture, that will later be of great value to our Department and its libraries.

After a long hard winter, full of heavy responsibilities and difficult changes, Miss Allen started Saturday on a well-earned trip to the Pacific Coast, going by way of the Grand Canyon and returning by the Canadian Rockies. She is to be away five or six weeks and visit many points between southern California and Seattle, among which it is hoped she may be able to include several field stations of the Bureau, learning something about their local conditions and special problems which may help the relations with the field station libraries in the future.

The Bureau of Plant Industry library feels the need of apology for shortcomings in its service during the last week or two, as many problems connected with the transfer of the Loan Desk work have not yet been satisfactorily worked out, and the staff has been sadly crippled of late. Before Miss Allen left, Miss Warner went hurriedly to New Hampshire on account of illness in her family, and until her return Miss Sherman was for several days in sole charge, and when even she fell ill it was necessary to borrow Mrs. Greene back from the main Library so the work could still go on, but it is hoped that such complicated situations may not often occur again.

Miss Elsie Moore, formerly librarian of the Bureau of Animal Industry, died in May. Miss Moore gave up her work in the library a year or two ago on account of illness, but for several months, until a few weeks before her death, had been able to be back at work in the bureau.

Miss Ogden has returned to the States Relations Service Library for a few months to do some special bibliographical work.

Miss Anna Dewees, Librarian, Office of Farm Management and Farm Economics, is in Iowa on her vacation. She will take in the Grinnell College commencement where her sister graduates and also the meeting of the American Library Association in Detroit before she returns.

Miss Mary F. Carpenter of the Bureau of Markets Library will attend the meeting of the American Library Association in Detroit and take her vacation in Michigan immediately afterward.

The periodical files of the Crop Estimates Library are being moved over to the third floor of the Bieber Building in which the consolidated library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics will be located. The current periodical work of the Crop Estimates Library has already been taken over by the Markets Library.

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New appointees to the Main Library during the summer are: Miss Esther C.Roder, library aid, now at the Loan Desk, Miss Louise C. Williamson, library aid, at present at the Periodical Desk, Miss Louisa M. Reinke, cataloger, who has had experience in the Cincinnati Public Library, the New York Public and other libraries, and Miss Ellen Hedrick, who was in the Department Library a number of years ago and has returned as Reference Librarian. At present, during Miss Thompson's absence, Miss Hedrick is revising the cataloging. She is also to conduct the course in library science to be given in connection with the educational work of the Department.

Miss Eleanor Jones, librarian of Virginia Polytechnic Institute Library, was employed temporarily at the Loan Desk during the summer.

Mr. John T. Patterson, who has been an assistant at the Periodical Desk for several months, has left the Library.

Miss K. C. Corbett, formerly in the Yale University Library, is taking Miss Smith's place as Miss Barnett's secretary, while Miss Smith is absent on her vacation.

Miss Bien is now on the way home and is expected to arrive in New York on Monday. It is hoped that Miss Bien will later return to this Library.

The rooms of the Periodical Division were painted during the summer.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has finished moving its libraries and although there are still various last things to be done, it wishes to extend a cordial invitation to each member of the Library staff of the Department Library and the Bureaus to visit its new quarters, on their way down this afternoon or at any other time which suits their convenience.

The Libraries of the Federal Reserve Board and the Tariff Commission have their duplicates arranged this week in such a way that they can be inspected by any librarians who are interested, and material wanted may be taken. The notice about this matter has not been well disseminated, so that it has been decided to keep the material out for a few days longer than this week.

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The Division of Historical and Statistical Research of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has decided to turn over to the Library its files of foreign material secured from the Bureau agents in foreign countries and from the State Department. These files will be in charge of Miss Jessie Ham who is now helping with the periodicals in the Bureau Library.

In spite of vacations and other depletions of the staff during the summer the Bureau of Plant Industry library has gradually returned to a more normal condition than was reported at the last staff meeting. Though wtill inconveniently crowded, it has been able to slightly reduce the unsightly overflow into the main corridor, and accommodate its work by a few minor rearrangements of furniture. At the end of June six new Library Bureau card index sections were installed, and there is now plenty of space for the public catalog and better accommodations for the subordinate indexes and files.

During the latter part of June and earlier part of July Miss Allen had a very satisfactory trip to the Pacific Coast, although her time was all too short for all the things she would have liked to do.

Part of Miss Atwood's vacation in August was given to a delightful trip to Montreal, Quebec, and the Saguenay, and most of the staff of the Bureau of Plant Industry library have had briefer vacations.

Miss Pidgeon was furloughed July 1st, and is now in Rio de Janeiro. Judging from letters to her mother which some of the Plant Industry library staff have had the pleasure of reading, her Brazilian experiences have begun under most favorable auspices.

For two months between June and August the Bureau of Plant Industry library had the assistance of Miss Lois B. Beattie, who was with it two years before, and was most helpful in taking hold of the periodical work.

The Bureau of Plant Industry library experienced a serious loss in the resignation of Miss Sarah Halbfinger, who went to the Bureau of Internal Revenue August 1st, after two years as typist in the library. Miss Julia H. Brown was temporarily appointed in her place, serving during August and September.

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Miss Wilkins is making a rapid recovery from the operation for appendicitis which she was obliged to undergo a few weeks ago. It was fortunate for the Library that Miss Bien, who has been in Europe this summer, could return to the Library and substitute for Miss Wilkins.

The Department Library is sorry to lose Miss Olcott and Miss Reinke who have gone to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics - Miss Olcott temporarily as reference librarian. We shall be glad to welcome her back later.

Recently appointed to the Main Library as library aids are Miss Amanda Mayo and Miss Eleanor Moody. The former is assisting at the Periodical Desk and the latter in the Catalogue Division.

Miss Hunt of the Department Library has been arranging, under Miss Thompson's direction, the office collection of books and pamphlets of the office of Soil Surveys, Bureau of Soils, in Building F.

The class in library science in charge of Miss Ellen Hedrick meets Tuesday and Friday afternoons in the Reading Room of the main Library and has twenty enthusiastic pupils, who are busy with reference books before and after working hours, and are heard from in other libraries as well as our own as they search for reference books which will tell them the real name of Horticola and of Brindle who wrote on exempting dogs from taxation. A number of the class were conducted through the Catalogue Division of the Library of Congress by one of the cataloguers who was kind enough to stay after hours to show them the reference books in use there.

The Association of Land Grant Colleges (formerly the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations) is now holding its annual convention at the New Willard. The meetings are open to all. Secretary Wallace spoke last evening. The program is posted on the display case in the Reading Room.

The Department Library has had definitely assigned to it the space in the basement now occupied by the Motion Picture Laboratory, which is to be vacated as soon as the new building now being erected for the laboratory is ready, which may be in December. Although this space is not the most desirable that could be imagined, being neither light nor airy, yet there is a good deal of it and it will supply much needed room for the shelving of books. Miss Barnett has not decided yet just how it will be used but is thinking about it both day and night. The space adjoins the book room which we now have in the basement and can be thrown in with it by removing the partitions.

Miss Ethel Smith, Miss Barnett's Secretary, has been taking an extra month of leave without pay but is expected back at the Library on December 1st.

The staff will be interested to hear that $10.80 have been contributed by the bureau libraries and the main Library for the starving librarians in Russia. The money will not be forwarded to Mr. Utley this week. Any further contributions that the staff may wish to make may be handed to Miss Corbett at the close of the meeting or before Saturday of this week.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics library has been mourning the loss of Miss Dewees and the prospective departure of Mrs. Shively. Miss Dewees has been transferred to the office of Dr. Stine as executive assistant in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, and Mrs. Shively is to leave Washington soon to join her husband in Pittsburgh.

Miss Reinke is very busily engaged in helping Miss Jacobs transfer the 280 class from the Department Library shelves to the economic collection up-stairs. In order to expedite matters for the moving, shelf list cards only are being made and the cataloguing and indexing will be done later. In the meantime we pray that all requests for books in that class will be accompanied by call numbers as it is not always possible to know the classification of a book by its title.

Last week Miss Lacy of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library spoke before the Monday morning Council of Bureau Division leaders. She gave an outline of the work of the Department Library and the libraries of the bureaus. According to a member of the audience, every one sat up and took notice.

Each Tuesday the staff of the Agricultural Economics Library eat their lunches in Miss Lacy's room while questions are asked and topics of the week discussed. The half hour is much enjoyed and time is up much too soon.

The foreign files of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics have been placed in the care and under the direction of the library of the bureau. Miss Ham, who was formerly assistant at the Periodical Desk has been placed in charge. The material sent in by the agents of the bureau who are in foreign countries and the consular reports and other material acquired through the State Department is sent to Miss Ham who is responsible for seeing that it reaches those interested within an hour or two of its receipt. This is accomplished by an ingenious but exceedingly simple method of charging which was worked out by Miss Dewees' fertile brain. In a few words the system is as follows:

The material is listed by title when received, if not accompanied by a transmittal list as is the case with that sent in by the Bureau's foreign agents. An accession stamp, set to register four times, is used.

The same number is stamped by the side of the title of the publication on the list, on the publication itself, and on each of two slips bearing the name of the person to whom the material is sent. The material for a borrower is placed in an envelope, the slip bearing the borrower's name and the numbers of all the publications it contains is pasted on the outside and the duplicate is retained by Miss Ham. It seems and is very simple, but if the proof of the pudding is in the eating, it is a success because it works to the satisfaction of the users of the service. The advantage to the Library in taking over these valuable foreign files is that they are available for use by the Library just as any other material would be. They should be of much use in the reference work of the Department.

A cooperative bibliography prepared by the committee of economic librarians has been sent to the Economic Liaison Committee. It was prepared in connection with the conference of the five Central American states which convenes in Washington on December 4th. The list shows only some of the material in the libraries represented as it was obviously impossible because of the quantity to list all. The list is eighteen pages long and is available for reference in the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. A copy will be sent later to the Department Library.

Miss Martha Johnson of Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania, is assisting at the Periodical Desk in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library in the place left vacant by the transfer of Miss Ham to the foreign files.

Miss Nye, librarian of Home Economics, has been very ill this summer. She has been in the hospital a long time and recently has had to return there for five weeks. She is at her home in New York but hopes to return to work the first of the year. Her place is being filled by Miss Hull.

Prepared by
Miss Carpenter

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The main Library has little news. Most of its staff is using up its last few days of annual leave, but by good management enough members are on hand to keep business going, even if not at top speed. We are glad to have Miss Wilkins back after an absence of seven weeks and Miss Smith after two months' vacation.

A "drive" is on in the Department Library to keep the Reading Rooms as quiet as possible by avoiding unnecessary or long conversations and any talking in loud tones. The cooperation of visiting bureau library folk is requested and we are sure will be given. The proper procedure would be to inaugurate a "Keep quiet" week, but we are hoping to secure 52 such.

Among other departments the binding division reports a lack of help and an abundance of work on hand. Contributions of publications to be bound are not solicited at this time. Business is also good in the circulation and cataloguing departments, and the loans from the Library of Congress are all that two men can carry.

Miss Marjorie F. Warner, Librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry, left on December 6th for Melrose, Florida, where she will spend her vacation, not returning until after January 1st.

Miss Elizabeth R. Pendleton has been appointed as library aid in the Bureau of Plant Industry library. She is assisting Miss Atwood part of the time and is at the periodical circulation desk the other part of her time.

Miss Putnam, of the Weather Bureau library, had a signed article in last Sunday's Star with the title "Violin bought forty years ago by artist, now at Capitol, found to be a real Amati".

It was with the deepest regret that the Agricultural Economics Library saw Mrs. Shively leave on November 28th. She had been in the Library, Bureau of Markets, for five years and was loved for her personal qualities as well as her efficient ones. She finished her bibliography of current prices and a copy is now available for refererence in the Agricultural Economics Library.

Miss Ham, of the Agricultural Economics library, left the 12th to spend a Christmas vacation at her home in Alabama. Miss Reinke is taking her place in the foreign files.

A shipment of Russian economic material has just been received in the Agricultural Economics library. This was collected and sent by Mr. Foley since the inauguration of the new Russian program in June, 1921.

Prepared by Miss Sawyer